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SUBJECT: Informal Meeting at PRC Embassy
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1. KREISBERG and ANDERSON went to PRC Embassy January 21 for routine informal post-meeting session with PRC Emboffs CH'IEN Yung-nien and YEH Wei-lan. Arrangements for hospitality were most elaborate in at least five years and atmosphere was friendly. (Conversation took place in different room than at previous such meetings and on second floor of Embassy, again we assume a possible security precaution.) Chinese, however, were not willing to expand substantively upon any statements made in previous day's Ambassadorial meeting, and conversation centered on technical points and small talk.

2. Kreisberg attempted to draw out Chinese on subject of liaison arrangements for timing of next meeting, specifically who would be responsible for initiating

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proposal and on how soon Chinese anticipated this might be. Chinese reiterated that either side could contact the other at any time. In response to Chinese query as to US sense of timing for next encounter, Kreisberg suggested month to six weeks. Ch'ien likewise refused to elaborate on meeting at higher level or through other channels, suggesting that if US had a proposal they could make it through the Ambassadorial talks.

3. Attempts to elicit information on possible return of Chinese Ambassador were similarly unsuccessful, with Ch'ien responding that he could not say anything about that at this time. (Polish FonMin Asian Desk Chief LEWANDOWSKI told Kreisberg at lunch January 21 that Chinese had thus far given no hint to Poles of intention return Ambassador to Warsaw.)

4. Ch'ien and Yeh, both of whom returned to Peking two years ago but have previous experience in the talks, informed us they had returned to Warsaw a week ago. They

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will remain in Warsaw, at least for the time being. Ch'ien acknowledged that he was with American Department of Chicom FonMin in Peking, thus confirming that he in fact is formal advisor to LEI at meetings. (It had been clear at formal January 20 meeting that Ch'ien was giving instructions to Lei Yang as meeting proceeded.)

5. Relaxed small talk covered family matters, Kreisberg's new moustache (which evoked great levity on Ch'ien's part), and latest hair and clothing styles which the Chinese had observed passing through Paris enroute to Warsaw. As ~~XXXX~~ Kreisberg and Anderson departing, Kreisberg observed he hoped he would see Ch'ien again soon. Ch'ien smiled and said, "perhaps".
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